

# Chesapeake Bay TMDL Watershed Implementation Plan – Phase II

**Stakeholder Advisory Group** 

March 15, 2012

# **Expanded Use of Nutrient Credits**Russ Baxter, DEQ

- Secretary Domenech submitted report 1/9/12
- www.deq.virginia.gov/vpdes/NutCrdExStudy.html
- Senate Bill 77 (Watkins) and House Bill 176 (Knight)
- Updates Stormwater Offsets provisions
- Clear Regulatory Authority established for DCR: certification, assess fee, establish baselines (based on WIP levels of implementation), establish financial assurance requirements
- Retires 5% of registered credits
- Establishes Virginia Credit Registry
- Expands uses: Ms4, CAFO, Industrial Stormwater
- Program remains the same until regulations are effective

#### **James River Study**

Russ Baxter, DEQ

- Scientific Panel Established
- Workplan Drafted by panel
- NOIRA published
- Modeling and Monitoring contracts to be awarded in 2012
  - Monitoring will focus on characterizing algal bloom occurrences
  - Modeling will focus on building a water quality/phytoplankton model of the James

www.deq.virginia.gov/wqs/rule.html

### **Slowly Available Nitrogen Study**

Andy Alvarez, VDACS

### Resource Management Plans

#### Ginny Snead, DCR

- Regulatory Advisory Panel
  - Qualifying Practices
  - Resource Management Plan
  - Certificate Issuance
  - Inspection/Verification/Compliance
- March 29 Draft proposed regulations to SWCB
- August Public comment
- December Final regulations to SWCB
- February 2013 Target effective date for final regulation
- Voluntary BMP Tracking Pilot Projects

### **MS4/Stormwater Programs**

#### Ginny Snead, DCR

- EPA review of Virginia's urban stormwater programs September 2011
  - Reorganization of Stormwater Division at DCR
  - Revised Virginia Stormwater Regulations effective September 13, 2011
  - Have not yet received final assessment from EPA
- Expected MOU on the programs' current status and future expectations
  - Submitted draft template permit and fact sheet Tuesday March 13 to EPA
  - Developing schedule for the issuance of Phase I MS<sub>4</sub> permits
  - Developing Compliance Management Strategy for post-construction stormwater and MS4 programs
- Revised Virginia Stormwater Management Regulations
  - Effective on September 13, 2011
  - Compliance criteria and methodologies have changed
  - Local governments to implement programs July 1, 2014

### Virginia's Phase II WIP

Joan Salvati, DCR

## Virginia's Phase II WIP Local Deliverables & Deadlines

- Desired local deliverables
  - Current BMPs
    - Update 2012 progress (January 2013)
  - Land Use / Land Cover
    - Work with EPA for use in Phase 6 model (2012/2013)
  - 2017/2025 BMP Scenarios
    - WIP II Input Deck
  - Strategies to implement BMP scenarios
    - WIP II Document
  - Resource needs
    - WIP II Document

## Virginia's Phase II WIP Local Data Collection Results

- Received data submissions from 95 percent of Bay localities
- 99.5% of watershed land area

#### Summary of Locality Data Submissions by Deliverable

	LAND USE	CURRENT PROGRESS	2025 SCENARIO	STRATEGIES	RESOURCES
Responsive	94%	94%	93%	95%	95%
New Data Provided	54%	65%	40%	75%	75%
No New Data	40%	29%	53%	20%	20%
No Response	6%	6%	7%	5%	5%

# Virginia's Phase II WIP Federal Facilities Response

- 1.7 million acres of Federal Lands in Virginia's Bay Watershed (12.3%)
- 12 Federal Departments
- 39% of Federal Departments responded
- Those responding hold approximately 90% of the land
  - Land use information
  - Cataloging existing BMPs
  - Few 2025 implementation scenarios or strategies
- Continuing to work with DoD to develop MOU

# Virginia's Phase II WIP Next Steps

- March 30 Document submission to EPA
- April 1 May 31 Public comment period
- July 1 Finalize WIP II based on public comment
- Continued engagement of local and federal partners
  - Capacity Building
  - Implementation
  - Tracking and Reporting
  - Milestone Planning

#### Virginia's Phase II WIP

### **SAG Comments**

